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10 INVENTION: METHOD FOR OPERATING A COMPUTER WITH COPY
PROTECTION FOR USER PROGRAMS

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that
citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form,
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DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE

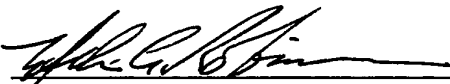
Enclosed are copies of the two references cited in the International Search Report. The Examiner's attention is directed to the International Preliminary Examination Report which finds that the claimed invention meets with the three
5 standards of patentability.

Also enclosed is a copy of German Laid Open Patent Application DE 43 21 765 A1, which was cited in the prosecution of the corresponding German application.

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed prior art is hereby requested.

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